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Hydro-Flex Corporation, Inc. Superfund Site Topeka, Kansas

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Introduction

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conducts regular checkups, called five-year reviews on Superfund sites where cleanups have been completed. EPA Region 7 and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) have started a second five-year review of the Hydro-Flex Corporation, Inc. site located in Topeka, Kansas.

EPA and the KDHE are conducting the five-year review to make sure that the cleanup continues to protect human health and the environment.

Background

The Hydro-Flex Corporation, Inc. site is a three acre site which manufactured flexible copper couplings, specialized tubing, fittings, and heat exchanges beginning in 1971. The process wastewater from the manufacturing operations containing chromium and copper was directed to an onsite wastewater disposal system. Due to capacity limitations the wastewater system was unable to accept the process wastewater during certain periods. In 1981 when the municipal sewer system became available, Hydro-Flex was connected to the Topeka sewer system and onsite disposal ceased.

The remedial investigation conducted by the responsible party defined the nature and extent of contamination and included construction of additional monitoring wells and collection of soil borings. The results of the investigation indicated that copper and chromium were not detected above background levels in the soil, and all filtered groundwater samples were below drinking water standard levels for copper and chromium, and results from offsite wells also indicated that chromium and copper levels were not a public health concern. The KDHE and EPA proposed no further action at the site.

The Superfund law requires that a review of site conditions be performed every five years at sites where residual contamination in some way restricts the use of the property. An initial five-year review of the Hydro-Flex Corporation, Inc. site was completed in 1998. The current five-year review will consider the information developed since the last review.

During the review, EPA studies information on the site, and inspects the site to make sure it continues to be safe. We encourage the community to tell us about site conditions or concerns they may have.

At the end of the review, a final report will be prepared and will be available in the site information repositories.

For More Information

Detailed site information can be found at the following locations:

EPA Superfund Records Center
901 N. 5th Street
Kansas City, Kansas 66101

Kansas Department of Health and
Environment
1000 SW Jackson
Topeka, Kansas

If you have questions or need more information on the Hydro-Flex Corporation, Inc. site or the five-year review process, please contact:

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